

## School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

We are pleased to present to you the Annual Education Report (AER), which provides key information on the 2010-2011 educational progress for the Unionville-Sebewaing Area Middle School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact the Principal, Todd Laventure, at 989-883-2534, ext. 116, or [laventut@usak12.org](mailto:laventut@usak12.org) for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website [www.think-usa.org](http://www.think-usa.org) or you may review a copy from the Principal's office at your child's school.

For 2010-2011, Unionville-Sebewaing Area Middle School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English Language Arts and Mathematics. While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, we are continuously working to improve. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

All students in the Unionville-Sebewaing Area have the opportunity to attend USA Middle School for grades 5-8. Students in those grades are served through a continuous School Improvement Plan that targets student achievement in the areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. School Improvement goals are evaluated annually and progress is determined based on student achievement data through state assessments or through standardized assessments administered through our participation in the Huron Intermediate School District's "Student Achievement Model".

The curriculum is guided by, and aligned to, the State of Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCE's). The GLCE's for each grade level are available in our Middle School office or through the Michigan Department of Education website. Teachers at USA Middle School are highly qualified within the core content area that they teach. Use of "research supported" and/or "best practice" instructional methods is a priority for our teachers. Participation in professional development activities and frequent collaboration with other teachers provides opportunity for staff to explore and implement effective instructional strategies in the classroom.

Unionville-Sebewaing Middle School acknowledges the importance of a cooperative relationship with the parents and guardians of our students. We offer conference times for teachers to communicate with parents daily, email and voicemail for staff and a web-based program through which parents can view their student's grades. We offer Parent-Teacher Conferences in the fall and spring of each school year. In 2010-2011, our parent participation rates were 68% in the fall and we conducted an Open House in the spring and specific percentages are not available. In the 2009-2010 school year, our participation rates were 61% and 41%.

It is our pleasure to serve the families of our communities. As we continue to refine our focus on student achievement, we hope to prepare the youth of our area for responsible citizenship and leadership for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. As our mission states, we strive "to develop in each student the essential attitudes, knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in school and in life."

Sincerely,

Todd Laventure  
Principal  
Unionville-Sebewaing Area Middle School